

ditions is that each bidder shall deposit \$1000 in cash beforehand. Adolph Canal signs the advertisement as Consul of Colombia.

Said Consul Bee yesterday: "I don't know Mr. Canal. I am dean of the consuls of this city, but I have never heard of him as a consul. I am inclined to think this advertisement at least peculiar, and for this reason: There are no Chinese to amount to anything in the State of Panama. I don't believe there are 600 all told. The whole consumption of opium in the State won't amount to \$5000 a year. It would be nonsensical for anyone to pay a premium for the purpose of selling \$5000 worth of opium a year. It may be that some syndicate wants to buy the exclusive right to handle opium in Panama. It will then import crude opium, set up manufactories there and try to smuggle the refined drug into this port. There is something behind it and I shall certainly investigate the matter before I advise any member of the Chinese colony to bid on the proposition."

Consul Canal could not be seen yesterday. In fact no one seems to know anything about him. He does not speak English, and assistants, who are said to change frequently, have been doing the business of his office.

OPIUM AT PANAMA.

An Advertisement Which Puzzles Consul Bee.

Under the heading "To the Chinese Colony of San Francisco," there has appeared in the morning papers of this city for several days an advertisement announcing that bids would be received by the Secretary of Colombia for the sole privilege of "the introduction and sale of opium in the State of Panama." One of the con-